

**CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING – CORNWALL TOWN OFFICES
HELD BY ZOOM MEETING/RECORDING ON FILE**

Present: Regular members D. Stevenson Hedden, Debby Bennett, Peter Demy, Roger Kane, William Hurlburt and IWWEO Karen Griswold Nelson.

Chairman D. Stevenson Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with a quorum established,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennett to approve the November 1, 2021 meeting minutes as presented: unanimously approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS: APP#654- Elise Pettus owner/Pat Hackett PE applicant – Activities within regulated areas for the re-construction of a single family residence – 26 Jewell Street.

Mapping entitled “Pettus Parcel – 26 Jewell Street Cornwall, CT / titled SSD Repair, prepared by Patrick Hackett, P.E. Dated August 21, 2021” was made part of the record for discussion.

Pat Hackett, PE with an office in Lakeville, was in attendance to represent the application. The floor was opened for discussion.

There was general discussion of the plans prepared to reconstruct a house (once known as the Blakey residence) on the now vacant parcel, the location of the proposed new septic system, and the location of the new home, septic system and driveway basically all within the 150 regulated setback area. Mr. Hackett addressed the size of the single family residence and garage served by town water, with the 2 bedroom structure being constructed with no full basement. With note made that the site plan showed the location of proposed silt fence to be installed prior to the start of construction, it was agreed that the application could be considered as an Upland Review in that there were no activities within wetlands soils and therefore could be signed off by the Agency’s Authorized Agent.

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mr. Demy, to determine that **App#654** constitutes an Upland Review in that no activities are proposed within wetlands soils. . Based on the determination, the Inland Wetlands Authorized Agent was authorized to sign off on **App# 654** as an Upland Review as per the Plan submitted, “Pettus Parcel – 26 Jewell Street Cornwall, CT / titled SSD Repair, prepared by Patrick Hackett, P.E. Dated August 21, 2021” with the condition that the Land Use office be notified prior to the start of construction to approve the installation of the erosion and sedimentation controls as shown on the plan; unanimously approved.

PENDING APPLICATION:

Modification to App#617, dated April 2018, to Dr. George Yancopoulos (aka and transferred to Makedonia Connecticut LLC) to remove the island and trail creation, to add security fencing along the road, and to change the change of the location of the dry hydrant – 71 Popple Swamp Road.

Note was made that the December meeting had been cancelled by staff after conversations with all Commission members. The cancellation was based on the fact that there had no action and or petitions received that would have caused the Modification to be head in the public hearing process. It was agree at the time that Griswold Nelson could move forward with parts of the modification.

There was general discussion of the progress made to address the location of the fence with the highway foreman. With general consensus that the modification would “substantially lessen” the impact of the activities on the wetlands.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hurlburt, to approve the **Modification to App#617, dated April 2018, to Dr. George Yancopoulos (aka and transferred to Makedonia Connecticut LLC) to remove the island and trail creation, to add security fencing along the road, and to change the change of the location of the dry hydrant – 71 Popple Swamp Road;** unanimously approved.

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS- None.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

Notice of Violation/Cease and Correct – Dark Entry Forest Inc. / property owner and Anthony Macchioaroli /non-property owner for work within regulated areas without permits – Cook Road. Deferred at the written request of the property owner.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

Approval of Meeting dates for 2022,

Griswold Nelson stated that the dates, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6, all meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, commencing at 7PM via Zoom/Zoom Hybrid, or in person in the Town Hall offices had been submitted to the Town Clerk.

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to approve the meeting dates as submitted; unanimously approved.

Review of Annual report/previously sent to Commission members

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to adjourn at 7:16PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Griswold Nelson